

being Lord's day, we assembled at 10 o'clock for public preaching. Met again at 3 P. M. for Sunday School.

Here as well as elsewhere the dear brethren and sister reflected forth the attributes of their blessed Saviour. In short, I think Bro. Winey has reasons to be proud of his class of dear brethren and sisters, for more courteous, kind christian brethren and sisters I never met. May the grace of God be and remain with them all, is my prayer.

I hope they will accept thanks for kindness shown to me while with them.

WALTER CLARK.

#### From Campbell, Michigan.

Our State Conference is a thing of the past, and I am happy to say it was a grand success. All the ministers, except one, in the State being present. I will not write in this article the proceedings of the conference, as the clerk no doubt will do that, but will say that it was one of the best and most loving and peaceable conferences it was ever my privilege to attend; not a word of discord through the entire meeting.

#### COMMUNION.

On Saturday the 21st, our communion services commenced at 2 p. m. Elder John Shank delivered a sound discourse to an intelligent audience, then at 5:30 p. m. we again met for examination, where some able speeches, followed by Snyder, Shank and others. About seventy dear members surrounded the table of the Lord to partake. Elder Clark officiated. The church was packed to overflowing and some returned home who could not get in. The order was good considering the crowded condition we were in. It was one of the most enjoyable, if not the most enjoyable meeting I ever attended. I think every member enjoyed the meeting. It was simply grand and soul-inspiring to see so many young brethren and sisters surrounding the table with the old gray-haired fathers and mothers in Israel. "In union there is strength." Brethren, keep the unity of the spirit.

On Sunday at 10 a. m. Elder Clark preached again, also in the evening, which was his last sermon. Monday morning he took leave for home. Elders Shank and Snyder preached in Woodland Sunday afternoon, and from there went home. So ended one of the best meetings your humble servant was ever permitted to attend.

J. G. WINEY.

#### Waterloo, Iowa.

There has been considerable said through the paper about a convention to be held near here this fall. As soon as it is known what the object of the convention is, and a suitable date agreed on, notice will be given of the same through the EVANGELIST. It will likely be about the last of November or the fore part of December and, in the meantime, those who feel interested in the convention, can correspond with Bro. E. L. Hilderbrand, J. M. Lichty or the writer, at this place.

We make the above statement, because the names of some members, as committees, were given in a late paper.

E. SHOWALTER.

#### Twelve Mile, Ind.

Sept. 25.—At the close of the morning services at this place yesterday three precious souls came forward and confessed Christ and covenanted to live faithful until death. After this we repaired to the water side where one who came forward and two others who came two weeks ago were buried with Christ in baptism. There is still room for many more. Brethren pray for us that the good work may go on until all may know Him from the least to the greatest; whom to know aright is life eternal.

D. A. HOPKINS.

#### Morgan Park, Ill.

Sept. 25.—Last Sunday was my first trip home from Chicago. Besides my two regular services I had two funerals. One on Sunday afternoon and one on Tuesday at 11:30 a. m.

I, for the first time, took out \$1000.00 assurance for 24 hours and got into a wreck for the first time, coming from the Rock Island depot in Chicago. A freight train ran into the rear of our train. The backs of seats were knocked off, water tanks rolled through the cars, lamps smashed up and we all went tumbling over the seats. I jumped out of the window lighting on my feet and was not hurt further than a little injury. When the crash was over and the train bolted I went in to get my valise and overcoat. Women were fainting and screaming and things were generally demoralized. By the time I got in some rascal had already stolen my overcoat, but I saw him going with it and with valise in hand. I took after him and layed hands on it and recovered it from him. I then ran to the rear of the train and found the locomotive and rear coach telescoped. The locomotive was entirely in the car nothing but the tender remaining outside. The steam was rapidly escaping and the windows being closed six men and women were "cooked" and fourteen injured some of whom must die. The flesh was boiled from the bones and the dead presented a horrible spectacle. No one could get into the door on account of the hot steam. The windows were broken out and the dying put their hands out for help. This was a heart-rending scene. We could not get near enough to help them out and could only hear their shrieks and screams in that awful darkness (for the lights were all out) and look on with bleeding hearts. I must not describe the scene further. I am safe but feel a little stiff today. If you read the Chicago papers today you saw the story. The engineer of the freight train was drunk they say and that explains the trouble. May God give us prohibition and thus save many a poor soul.

A. A. COBER.

#### Eaton, Ind.

It seems to be the will of our Father in Heaven that his children shall experience both sunshine and darkness. When the soul is contented as far as this life is contentment, and we feel that this world is good enough for any one, the sun becomes clouded and our life is made miserable by the occurrence of some event which seems to blight our greatest anticipa-

tions and hopes. But joy succeeds sorrow just as truly as sunshine succeeds shadow.

Our hearts were filled with joy to overflowing by the good will and interest manifested by our brethren and sisters in behalf of the church at this place. But our happiness reached the climax on last Thursday evening. On the Sunday previous Bro. Isgrig told us that he would like to have a talk with us and would be with us on that evening. But we since learned that his visit was to keep us at home and prevent our going to bed until the rest of the programme could be disposed of.

The conversation was just beginning to get interesting when the door suddenly opened and behold, in marched about twenty (it seemed almost a hundred) of our brethren and sisters with their arms full of bundles, boxes, etc., which they deposited on the table. This made it look like the counter of some wholesale grocer, and every thing brought seemed to be what we needed worst.

Surprised would hardly express our feelings. We were utterly confounded. After singing for quite a while our friends returned with hearts, we hope, as light as ours. It made us feel like our hearth were mortgaged to the brethren and church at this place. We thank the brethren and sisters for their kindness and donations and hope that God will bless all our efforts for good.

G. W. RENCH.

#### Topsail, Pa.

On Wednesday morning, Sep. 13th, wife, little daughter Maggie and I, in company with Bro. Solomon Tombaugh and wife, started for Masontown, Pa., to attend the convention. We put up at the house of Bro. John Sterling, who lives near the meeting house in which the convention was held. In the evening we went to the meeting house in order to help commence the work of the convention. Here we met quite a number of brethren and sisters with whom we were formerly acquainted, and among them was our worthy old brother, Wm. Byers, of Cone-maugh church, Cambria county, Pa. Bro. Byers and I were born and raised in the same neighborhood, joined church about the same time, were elected to the office of deacon on the same day, and some time after this, although not just the same time, we were both chosen to the ministry, and still later we were both ordained to the full ministry at one and the same time. Although we have always been very intimate friends, I do not know when I was more glad to take him by the hand than when we met at Masontown.

Although some were not present whose names were on the program, yet the work of the convention was pleasant, and I think well done, save in the selection of our state evangelist. In this I am not so sure that the best thing was done that could have been done. Nevertheless, not my will, but the will of the convention be done.

Bro. Smouse will preach for Mt. Zion church until April 1st, in my place, and Highland church, Washington county, Pa., must be supplied until they can get a regular pastor. In enter-

ing upon the work of state evangelist I need the prayers of the brethren everywhere that I may do nothing amiss and that God's name may be glorified and much good be accomplished. Shall I have them? For this I pray.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

#### Baden, Kans.

Sept. 24.—At home after an absence of three weeks. Closed our meeting at Drywood church Sept. 13, with seven additions in all. Closed with good feeling and with quite a good congregation. Will begin meeting here Sept. 28. Will hold our communion on Saturday Oct. 5 at our home here near Baden.

Death has taken a German Baptist Ministering Brother, W. Michaels. Oh how blessed to know that God will not allow death to mar the happiness of that eternal home.

What we think the Drywood church needs is regular preaching and good weekly prayer-meetings. They will help the young converts to grow strong in the faith. We need more earnest workers in the field. The harvest is truly great. Oh Brethren there are souls to win for Christ or Eternity will be painful to some. Be faithful, be earnest, let us come before God without arms full of precious, golden sheaves.

H. S. ENSLOW.

#### OUR CHURCH.

The Indiana Conference was held last week, but we have had no report so far.

Bro. H. R. Holsinger is now located at Waterloo, Iowa. The particulars we will give next week.

Bro. David Cashour, of Trotwood, Ohio, and Bro. D. Martin of Bryan, Ohio, gave us pleasant and "profitable" calls last week.

Bro. A. L. Garber's service as pastor of the Ashland church ended last Lord's Day, and he was appointed to serve another year.

The Sister's Endeavor made up \$2.50 as a donation to Bro. W. J. H. Bauman's son in Kansas, to aid in purchasing a new cork leg.

Bro. E. L. Hilderbrand of Waterloo, Iowa, arrived here last Lord's Day morning, and in the afternoon he filled the pulpit at the College. He expects to remain a week.

Prof. S. E. Shook is now spending his time in canvassing for students, and thus far he has been successful in securing an average of one student per day. At this rate he will soon have the College filled.

Communion services at St. James, Md., Oct. 5th, beginning at 4 o'clock p. m.; also on same day at 1:30 o'clock, business meeting. All are invited. Eld. Snider of Va. will please notice. —E. B. Shaver, Funkstown, Md.

The visit of the Ashland City Sabbath School and Sisters' Endeavor at the home of Sister Hershler, in the country, was much enjoyed by all. Last Saturday was a fine day and that made the trip most agreeable, and Sister Hershler and family and Sister Simington made all very welcome. It was a great treat to the town people to spend a day in the country.

Bro. S. M. Good writes: One week ago Bro. Jeremiah Cozad told me that he had made an appointment for me at La Presa schoolhouse. Although unauthorized, I went yesterday and filled the appointment. I there became acquainted with Bro. Daniel Boulinger and Sisters Boulinger and Cozad. It did me good to see the dear pilgrims. I preached three times on the

streets, besides Sunday before I preached six times on the streets. I wish all the brethren would agree on time and place and have communion service under leadership of Eld. Jonathan Myers. We are not to forget the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is.—San Diego,

#### Send Students.

After a little time a new term of the University opens. The teachers are working hard to secure a good attendance this winter. Then prospects are very promising. Already there is an attendance almost equal to last year, and the time when the greatest number are usually here has not yet arrived.

The meritorious labor of the management to secure an excellent attendance should be rewarded with much success. Now the members of the church should turn in with a hearty response and send their children, and the children of their friends here. The faculty is able to teach anything you shall want taught, and the discipline is such that it commends itself to every one who takes the time to investigate. When the Brethren have a school that is in every way worthy of the patronage of the Brethren, they should not fail to favor it as they are able.

There should be more zeal for education among our people than there is. God has winked at ignorance. He hates it; and the people of God should hate it and use every advantage to dispel it.

Brethren, patronize your school; make a little effort to give your children a good education. G.

#### Little Sins.

Satan seldom comes to Christians with great temptations or with temptations to commit a great sin. You bring a green log and a candle together and they are very safe neighbors; but bring a few shavings and set them alight, then bring a few small sticks and let them take fire, and let the log be in the midst of them, and you will soon get rid of your log. And so it is with little sins. You would be startled at the idea of committing a great sin, and so the devil brings you a little temptation and leaves you to indulge yourself. "There is no harm in this, no great good in that;" and so by these little chips we are first easily lighted up and, and at last the green log is burned. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."—John Newton.

The China Inland Missions has a staff of 296 missionaries.

Throughout China there are 476 lady missionaries; 40,000 children are taught in the different mission schools. There are 18 hospitals, in which 100,000 patients receive treatment annually.

It is said that Norway is the most thoroughly Protestant country in the world. Out of a population of 1,802,172, by the census of 1876, 1,794,934 are Lutherans. It is stated that there are only four Norwegian priests in the whole world; viz.: Father Friik A. Wang, of Christiania, who is the youngest—thirty years of age; Father Strub, of Bergen; Father Shieling, also of Bergen, and Holfedt Honen, of Norway. The latter is in his sixty-eighth year and is a confirmed invalid.